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## DOORS TO SWING OPEN ONCE MORE.

### PRESIDENT MITCHELL SUBMITS SECURITIES FOR LOAN--CLEARING HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTING.

#### Main Body to Pass Promptly on the Law--Rally Day to be Announced.

The next to the last lap in the re-opening of the Mechanics Savings Bank was taken last Wednesday morning when John Mitchell, Jr., President of the Mechanics Savings Bank made formal application to the Clearing House Association of Richmond for the advance of the One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the institution. On Monday, Mr. William H. Schwarzschild, Chairman of the Clearing House Committee accepted the invitation of John Mitchell, Jr. to visit the Mechanics Bank and other enterprises fostered by that institution. The Stanley Steam Car was called into requisition and the popular chairman was quickly carried the rounds and returned to his banking institution.

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

On Tuesday, Hon. W. Meade Addison, President of the Clearing House Association of Richmond took a similar trip and was returned to the newly fitted up and palatial Bankers' National Bank. Hon. H. M. Smith, Jr. had an affliction by death in his family last week. John Mitchell, Jr. after conferring with him retained the services of the brilliant attorney, Hon. Charles C. Meredith and the brother of ex-Governor A. J. Montague, the well known R. Lynch Montague, Esq. These gentlemen have decided upon a line of action. With the submission of securities for the loan this week will come the last chapter in this remarkable case.

#### HARMONY THE WATCHWORD.

The Mechanics Bank will reopen with the cordial co-operation of the Banking Division of the State Corporation Commission. The harmonizing of all interests seem to have been accomplished and the confidence of the colored people has been sublime. White and colored people have done all in their power to reassure the colored people. The balancing of passbooks will not be permitted to delay the restoration of the institution to its former owners. Many questions have been asked by some. It was reported that the Chancery Court had adjourned for the term. This has nothing to do with the case as all necessary matters are dealt with by the Judge in chambers.

#### HIS HONOR WILL ACT.

This prevents harmful delay. The advice given is for every one to continue to maintain their equilibrium and speak in favor of the institution and all will be well. As soon as all arrangements have been completed, The Planet will issue an "extra" announcing that fact.

#### A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE.

Noel, Va., July 29--The home of Mrs. L. C. Thompson was a pretty scene last Sunday evening when she became the bride of Mr. G. W. Williams, of Hewlett, Va. The bride looked lovely in white net with shadow lace of silver with shoes to match. Her father, Mr. R. L. Mickens gave her away. Her cousin Miss Ora Mickens was maid of honor. The groom looked grand in dark gray.

Mrs. Thompson was one of our most popular women, a great leader in society and church, holding high positions in both. Mr. Williams is one of the most prominent men and a deacon of Mt. Salem Baptist Church. They were covered with rice after the ceremony. The Rev. C. W. Berkeley, the groom's pastor officiated. We wish them great happiness and great success.

Mr. L. L. King, Jr. continues very sick at his home, 1017 Hull Street, Southside.

## Women and Men, Your Attention!

### Stop, Look, Read and Act.--Let All Richmond Respond.

#### The National and State Association of Colored Women Here--Visitors Represent Every State in the Union.

Remember that you are expected to attend the State Federation, Friday and Saturday at Hartshorn College.

Remember that you and your friends are to be at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Sunday August 6th, at 3:00 P. M. Music by the Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir directed by Prof. W. D. Jones and the Sabbath Glee Club, Director Matthews.

Remember that you and everybody else must be at the City Auditorium Monday night, August 7th at 8 P. M. This is Richmond's welcome night. We turn the city over to the National on that night. Excellent music by Mrs. Briggs chorus and the Sabbath Glee Club. Who will be there?

Governor E. L. Trinkle is expected there! Mayor George Ainslie will be there. Mrs. Hallie Q. Brown will be there. Mrs. Booker T. Washington will be there.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell will be there. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs will be there.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert will be there. Mrs. J. C. Napier will be there. Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson will be there.

Mrs. Marion Wilkerson will be there. Mrs. Georgia A. Nugent will be there.

Mrs. Addie W. Hunton will be there. Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown will be there.

Mrs. Mary Bethune will be there. Our own Mrs. Janie Porter Barr, Laura Titus, Cora Wilder, Maggie L. Walker; Ella O. Waller, Bettie G. Cousins; Anna E. Blackwell; Mary B. Carter, Margarette R. Johnson, Susie B. Williams; Adelaide G. Thompson; Lella L. Williams; Mary Sparrow, Bettie Muse; Edith L. Bradford; many others of our citizens and I will be there with you. Come to the Auditorium. Let the strangers see that you respect your own womanhood.

Come this time and we will let you rest for the remainder of the summer. No admission fee to the Auditorium or Church.

I shall be looking for you. Sincerely your co-citizen,  
ORA BROWN STOKES.  
Chairman.  
General Committee.

#### TOM BIRD 75 YEARS OLD TODAY

Born August 5, 1847, in Stafford Co., Va., Mr. Tom Bird (Blind Tom) veteran paper carrier is today celebrating his 75th birthday, being showered with congratulations and a hearty handshake from his many, many friends. It is indeed a great pleasure to him to be thus remembered. He is still able to be upon the streets and can be found at the corner of 4th and Broad.

## Grand Lodge of Missouri Meets

### Refuses to Pay Any More Taxes to the Supreme Lodge.

#### Money Already Collected to be Refunded to the Subordinate Lodges--Grand Chancellor A. W. Lloyd the Central Figure--Wins after Long Debate.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Missouri, at its session at St. Joseph, Missouri last week by a vote of 40 to 66 decided not to pay the Pythian Temple Tax or to collect any money any longer for this purpose. All money previously collected was ordered refunded to the subordinate lodges after thirty days from the time of the adjournment of the Grand Lodge. This places the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri alongside of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Virginia in this matter. The Grand Lodge of Missouri did not believe that the tax was constitutionally levied and objected to the way the money was being expended.

#### TAX COLLECTED.

It continued to collect the tax from the subordinate lodges however and held it in escrow until a satisfactory agreement could be reached with the Supreme Lodge. The Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green declined to permit the matter to come up in the Supreme Lodge session at Topeka, Kansas last August and proceeded to decline to admit the Supreme Representatives from the Grand Jurisdiction of Missouri in to the Supreme Lodge. Thereupon, the Grand Lodge of Missouri sued out an injunction and secured admission in to the sessions of the Supreme Lodge. John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of Virginia with Supreme Representative E. R. Jefferson and Sir George W. Rison were in attendance at Topeka, Kansas.

#### THE VIRGINIA CASE.

The Virginia Case came up for discussion and when the Grand Lodge, K. of P. of Virginia was similarly treated, another injunction was secured from the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia securing to the members of the Order in Virginia all of their rights and privileges as members of the Order of Knights of Pythias. The following recommendation of the brilliant and fearless Grand Chancellor A. W. Lloyd of St. Louis, Missouri explains itself:

#### GRAND CHANCELLOR LLOYD'S RECOMMENDATION.

Quoting from page 41 of this address in the 4th marked paragraph of my letter to Supreme Chancellor Green, I made the following statement: "I stand ready and willing to carry out the instructions of the Grand Lodge of Missouri with reference to the payment of the money in question the escrow terms of which are familiar to you, but I have no authority to take any other action." We have given the Supreme Lodge more than two years to consider our fair business proposition, if it were acting in good faith, but the Supreme

"NEVER SAY DIE," SAYS HON. MARCUS GARVEY.

New York, July 25, 1922.  
Hon. John Mitchell,  
Richmond, Va.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:—I have just learned through "The Planet" that you are suffering some business reverses and temporary embarrassment and I hasten to send you my word of sympathy in the crisis through which you are passing.

I have faith to believe that you will overcome the difficulties now confronting you and emerge from your present trouble stronger than ever. There is no obstacle which a resolute man may not overcome.

Be brave. Never say "die." Fight on and you will win.

Cordially yours,  
MARCUS GARVEY.

#### ABINGDON FAITHFUL.

Abingdon, Va., July 29, 1922.  
John Mitchell, Jr.,  
Richmond, Va.

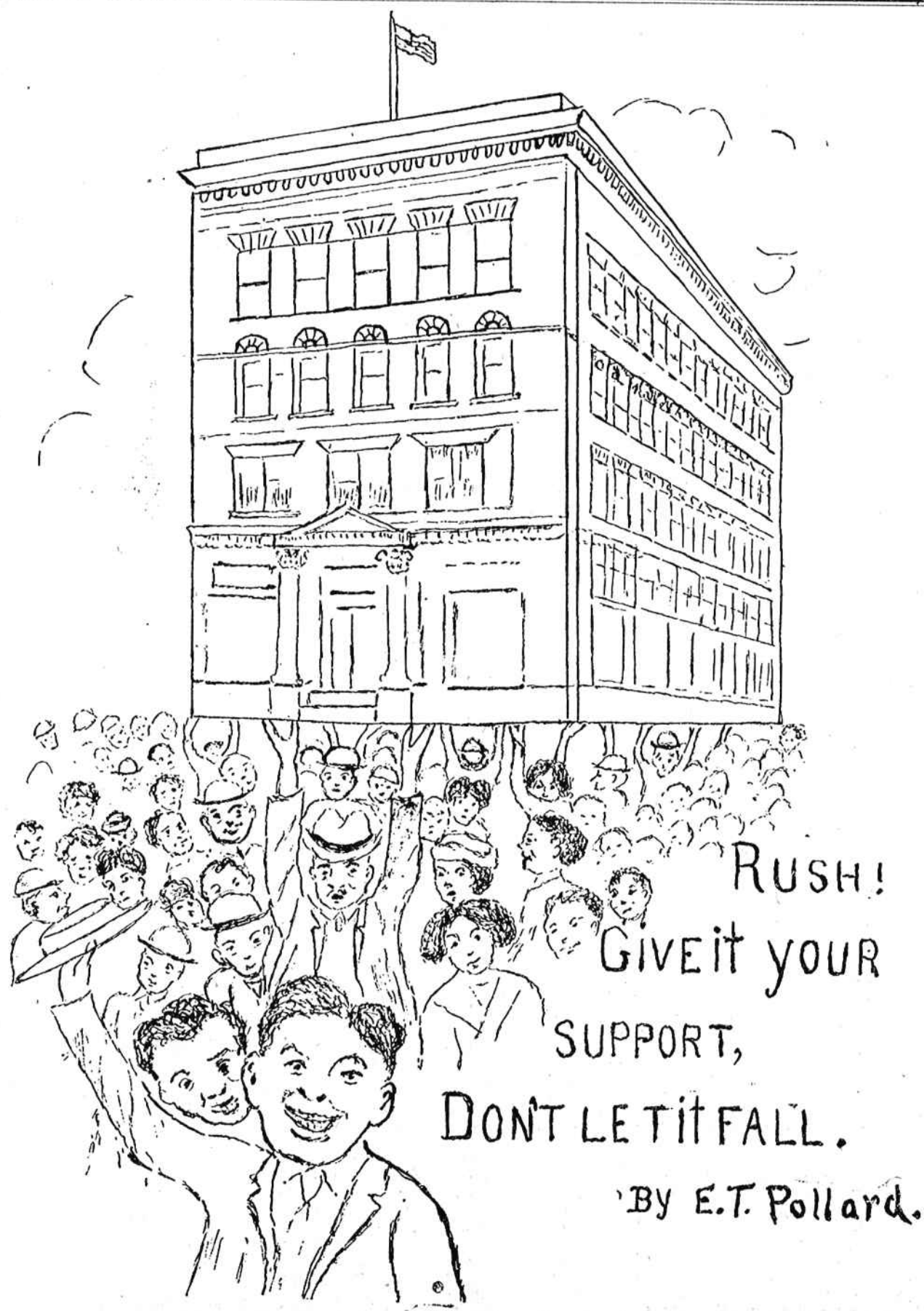
Sir:—I have read the accounts in the Mechanics Bank affair. Nobody alarmed here and on the other hand stand ready to turn our K. of P. treasury over to you, if need be. The people of this town will stand with you to the last ditch.

"There are no terrors, Cassius, in your threats, for I am armed so strong in honesty that they pass me by like the idle winds which I respect not." The above is taken from "Men of Mark," your words in the Richard Walker lynching case, Charlotte County, 1886.

Yours in F. C. and B.,  
R. B. GOODE, Ex K. of R. & S.  
Cave City Lodge, 210

#### A NEW LODGE AT DANVILLE.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor George W. Rison reports the organization of a new lodge of Knights of Pythias at Danville, Virginia, Monday night, July 24th with the following officers: Chancellor Commander, Henry Peartross; Master of Work, Walker Beard; Vice Chancellor, Manuel Hogue; Prelate, Tom Williams; Keeper of Records and Seal, Rufus Beard; Master of Finance, Whit Hogue; Master of Exchequer, Sol Nunnally; Master at Arms, Roscoe Gunning; Inner Guard, Waverly Adams; Outer Guard, Mack Jurnett; 1st Attendant, Sam Davis; 2nd Attendant, John Stamps; 3rd Attendant, Armstead Plippin; 4th Attendant, John Faust. Trustees, Armstead Plippin, Walter Beard, Tom Williams.



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